

Irish band **Something Happens!**' current album *Bedlam A Go Go* (Charisma) curiously has neither bedlam or au go go. Capable of rocking hard in an echoey sort of way, this band often seems caught halfway between pop and rock and not sure which way to go. Tom Dunne puts a reasonable amount of intensity into his vocals though you're never quite sure what he's singing about despite the wordplay and wit of "Inviral Love" and "Diane on the Cross." Standouts are "Hit the Parade" and the acoustic "Beautiful Country," where they stop trying so hard to be clever and ironic and let the music work on its own.

Something Happens! Tues., Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. at J.C. Dobbs, 304 South St., 928-1943.

--Peter Brown